

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1014

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A RESOLUTION to honor, support, and thank the members of the United States Military who have served and are presently serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and around the world.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the heroic deeds of Tennessee's volunteers in early militia bodies and regular military units have been extolled throughout the history of our State and Nation; thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of gallantry through service in the United States Armed Forces today; and

WHEREAS, these individuals selflessly serve with courage and conviction and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; the men and women who have served and are presently serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and around the world are fine examples of brave warriors who have served their country with unsurpassed honor and conviction and are deserving of our deepest admiration and thanks; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women from Tennessee have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends, families, and all of us as they sacrifice their time, safety, and personal desires to protect the United States and promote peace in our world; and

WHEREAS, they have entered the fray on our behalf, boldly and without hesitation or complaint, just as they left behind the enduring warmth of family and home; their families and loved ones have also made numerous sacrifices on behalf of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, we extend our most heartfelt support and gratitude to the families of our servicemen and servicewomen; we stand in solidarity with them, offering space in our hearts and moments in our days to remember their loved ones serving so far from home; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot adequately express our appreciation to the courageous men and women of our Armed Forces who have fought and are fighting to preserve the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor them to the full extent of our ability, as they make untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that following generations will continue to cherish because of their sacrifice; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we express our stalwart support for and express our deepest pride in the Tennesseans who are serving and defending our Nation and the world as a whole as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and around the world, extend to them our sincere hopes for swift and safe tours filled with honor, and offer our fervent prayers for the safe return of our soldiers to their homes and families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge all citizens, communities of faith, municipal and county governments, and civic and service organizations to join us in being ever mindful of our State's men and women in uniform, as they are ever vigilant on our behalf, and to make every effort to honor and support these heroes and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.